to be Rs. 4954 crores for BSNL, which is comparable with the previous ADC estimations of Rs. 4792 crores. However, BSNL has stated that it expect reduction in amount by Rs. 1254 crores.

It is difficult to assess the exact impact as traffic pattern is fast changing due to unprecedented subscriber growth.

As per information received from BSNL, Rs. 911.85 crores were outstanding as on 31.12.2004 on account of payment of Interconnection Usage Charge inclusive of ADC in 27 Telecom circles of BSNL.

Assets of VSNL

†*235. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the assets of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. at present;

(b) the amount of money for which it had been sold to private players last year; and

(c) in what manner this loss to Government proposed to be compensated?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) As per the latest (18th Annual Report for the period 2003-04), the assets of VSNL as on 31/3/2004 are as follows:

SI. No.	Details of assets	(Rs. in thousands)
1	Fixed assets (net block)	19,743,640
2	Current assets	
2(a)	Inventories	24,091
2(b)	Sundry debtors	4,401,957
2(c)	Cash and bank balances	10,467,110
2(d)	Other current assets	857,687

† Original notice of the question was receded in Hindi.

(b) Government did not sell any equity of VSNL during the last year. However, Government sold 25per cent equity of VSNL in February 2002 through Strategic Partner route in favour of M/s Panatone Finvest Ltd. (PFL), a Tata Group company, for sum of Rs. 1439.25 crores (7,12,50,000 shares at price of Rs. 202/- per share).

(c) There is no financial loss suffered by the Government during its dis-investment of 25 per cent stake on 13.02.2002 as the closing price of VSNL shares in the National Stock Exchange on the date of receipt of financial bids *i.e.* 01.02.2002 was Rs. 156.95 per share, as against Rs. 202/- per share price received from the strategic partner.

Tax charged on part of BOT concept

*236. SHRIMATIJAYABACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on some inter-State highways or bridges, motorists have to pay a charge as part of BOT concept or otherwise;

(b) if so, the details of such places in the country where such charges are being levied at present;

(c) the duration of period for which such charge is required to be paid;

(d) whether there is any mechanism installed at any of such places displaying the amount collected so far and the remaining duration or amount that remains to be collected; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of places where users' fee being collected are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) As per the National Highways (Fee for the use of National Highway Section and Permanent Bridge—Public Funded Projects) Rules, 1997, the users' fee is being collected in perpituity.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The users' fee is being collected in perpetuity.